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1. Soviet officers riding 10 railroad coaches arrived in Timisoara (R 16/T 91), on 29 September 1950.
2. A special train occupied by high-ranking Soviet officers was observed at the main railroad station of Timisoara from 6 to 8 October. It was rumored that General Malinovski, (fnu), was among the officers. \*\*
3. Three trains were loaded with Soviet troops and material, including T-34 tanks, in Timisoara on 12 and 13 October. The motor vehicles of the troops \_\_\_\_\_ the trains went to the area between Arad (R 16/U 16) and Oradea Mare (R 13/P 65) Soviet troops with motor vehicles departed by rail from Timisoara toward Jimbolia (Y 7/T 52) on 17 October.
4. On 5 November, many high-ranking officers of Soviet units in Timisoara, Arad and Lipova (R 16/U 34) assembled at the Soviet headquarters at Piata Libertatii (Liberty Square) in Timisoara. The officers had map pouches with them.
5. Soviet units were continually observed at firing practice at a range near Sacalaz (R 16/T 81) until about 20 November. Some Soviet training aircraft from Timisoara participated in the exercises. \*\*\*

- 25X1 \* Comment. The officers may either have been replacements from the U.S.S.R. for the Soviet units stationed in the Banat, officers making an instruction trip through Rumania.
- 25X1 \*\* Comment. Probably Marshal of the Soviet Union Malinovski. According to newspaper evaluation, he was last identified as commander-in-chief of Soviet forces in the Far East in Khabarovsk in May 1949 and was elected in the Far East into the Council of Nationalities in February 1950. Since that time newspapers have carried unsubstantiated rumors that Marshal Malinovski would be appointed commander-in-chief of the Rumanian Army or of an East European army with his headquarters in Bucharest. The information in the present report is probably based on similar rumors and is therefore discounted.

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Comment. The Soviet troops stationed in the Timisoara-Arad area, Banat, were last reported [REDACTED] in late July 1950. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The troops who were loaded on trains were possibly leaving for field exercises.

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